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COUNTRY Soviet Zone of Austria

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TOPIC Soviet Troops in APETLON

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# SOURCE

1. The road to APETLON (P 48/X 74) troop training grounds was blocked by Soviet sentries. The troop camp of APETLON seemed to be more heavily occupied than before. Local residents believed the troops at the troop training grounds came from Hungary.
2. a. About 20 guns of 20 mm caliber, standing in the troop camp, fired with tracer ammunition at the sleeve target flying at an altitude of about 3,300 feet.  
b. Local residents stated that firing practices of heavy anti-aircraft guns were held only once a week. The aircraft towing the sleeve targets were said to have come from Hungary.

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  Comment:

The report indicates that antiaircraft artillery units were still at the APETLON artillery range in early August 1949. Although there have not been any indications that antiaircraft artillery units from Hungary were also practicing there, it is considered quite credible that the 2501st AAA Regt of the 17th Gds Mecz Div may have been in APETLON for summer maneuvers.

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